

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Drake *et al.*

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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C.
371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) and
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

The Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) dated May 2, 2006 (a copy of which is enclosed) has a shortened statutory time set to expire on July 2, 2006.

In response, applicants submit herewith an executed Declaration of the inventors. Please charge Applicants' credit card for the \$130 surcharge fee under 37 CFR §1.16(e). A credit card payment form is enclosed for processing.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 50-1744 in the name of Syngenta Biotechnology, Inc.

Further in response to the Notice, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.